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Dear Sir:

The following communication is an Amendment responsive to the Final Office Action mailed April 23, 2002 (Paper No. 10), filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination. In response to that Office Action, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Sub D1 1. (Twice Amended) A compact sterilisation apparatus for medical instruments and the like which is easy to operate, handle and transport, said apparatus comprising a casing provided with a double-walled sterilisation boiler having an inner wall and an outer wall, whereby fluid is present between the inner and the outer wall such that a stable temperature of the inner wall can be achieved as well as steam generated therefrom, wherein the inner boiler has a volume of from about 10 to about 50 liters.

C2 Sub D2 9. (Twice Amended) The apparatus according to claim 8 wherein said sealing screw is operated by means of an electromotor of which the operating phases are operated by said process computer.